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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH NIGERIA

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CONDUCTING CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NIGERIA AFTER COMPLETION OF OCTOBER TALKS WITH IVORY COAST AUTHORITIES.

2. NEITHER FMG NOR PAN AM IS SATISFIED WITH CURRENT OPERATING PERMIT UNDER WHICH U.S.-NIGERIAN TRAFFIC TAKES PLACE. BOTH HAVE VOICED PREFERENCE FOR MORE PERMANENT AND COMPREHENSIVE BILATERAL AGREEMENT. REGARDING SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL ASPECTS, PAN AM WANTS TO INSTITUTE REGULAR CARGO SERVICE AND OBTAIN FOURTH FREQUENCY PASSENGER SERVICE. FMG HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THESE REQUESTS WILL BE IGNORED UNTIL BILATERAL AGREEMENT IS FORGED.

3. PROBLEM IS THAT MINCIVAV IS NOW SHORT ON PERSONNEL AND MIGHT WELL WISH POSTPONE NEGOTIATIONS. INDICATION OF THIS IS FAILURE OF MINISTRY TO REPLY TO OUR NOTE OF JULY 7, 1976, INFORMING MINISTRY OF U.S. INTEREST IN DISCUSSING CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS INCLUDING BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. DESPITE THIS, OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT CURRENT BILATERAL CIVAIR ISSUES ARE SUFFICIENTLY MATURE FOR DISCUSSION.

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